ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT FOR THE EVALUATION OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Vacant area 10, 305 Roandale Dr. Houston, Texas 77048

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report represents results of an Environmental Site Assessment of a vacant property located on 10305 Roandale Dr., Houston, Texas 77048. The subject site was inspected on December 29, 2005 by Mr. Zahir Jamal of RAO ENVIRONMENTAL. The subject property is a vacant land and is 7, 289 square feet in area. The site has vacant, grassy areas, a tree and a concrete foundation pad of a former building. Hazardous materials were not found at the site. Review of the title search does not indicate property owners, whose names might indicate possible environmental concerns about the site.

Review of the regulatory lists indicates that the subject property is not listed as a NPL (National Priority List), ERNS (Emergency Response Notification System), CERCLIS (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System), RCRIS (Resource Conservation And Recovery Information System), LPST (Leaking Underground Petroleum Storage Tanks), UST (Underground Petroleum Storage Tanks), TSD (Treatment, Storage, and Disposal) or a LANDFILL facility. Adjacent sites and sites within the half-mile radius are not listed as NPL (National Priority List), CERCLIS (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System), RCRIS (Resource Conservation And Recovery Information System), TSD (Treatment, Storage, and Disposal) and LANDFILL facilities. One facility within the half-mile radius appears on the LPST (Leaking Underground Petroleum Storage Tanks) facilities list. Final concurrence was issued and the case was closed for the facility on 10315 Cullen Blvd. This facility is not adjacent to the property and, therefore, is not of environmental concern to the subject site. One facility within the half-mile radius appears on the UST facilities list.

The Phase 1 ESA based on the on-site inspection, review of the regulatory lists, inquiries with the local governmental agencies, review of the title search, and review of the aerial photos reveals that the site has a low risk with respect to the environmental concerns.

2.0 OBJECTIVE

2.1 Scope of work

The scope of the study included a site visit, a review of the site history, regulatory agency documentation and an environmental assessment of the property.

2.2 Client authorization

The study was authorized by Mr. Gabriel Mussio, Building Services Department, City of Houston, Houston, Texas and was performed for the client in evaluating potential environmental problems associated with the site. If any additional information is known or encountered regarding the site, it should be forwarded to this office for a possible reevaluation of conclusions.

2.3 Limitations and assessment

The Phase I Environmental Site Assessment consists of various studies including a review of the chain of title of the property, an on-site inspection of the site and it's facilities, a review of the files at Government and Environmental Regulatory Agencies. All investigations in this study have been conducted in accordance with American Society for Testing and Materials and Standard Practice for Phase I Environmental Site Assessments.



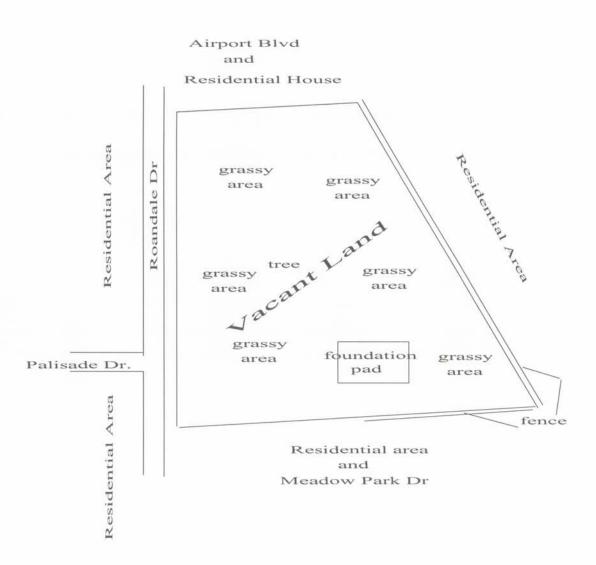


Figure is an approximation

Figure1: Site map- 10305 Roandale Dr., Houston, Texas 77048

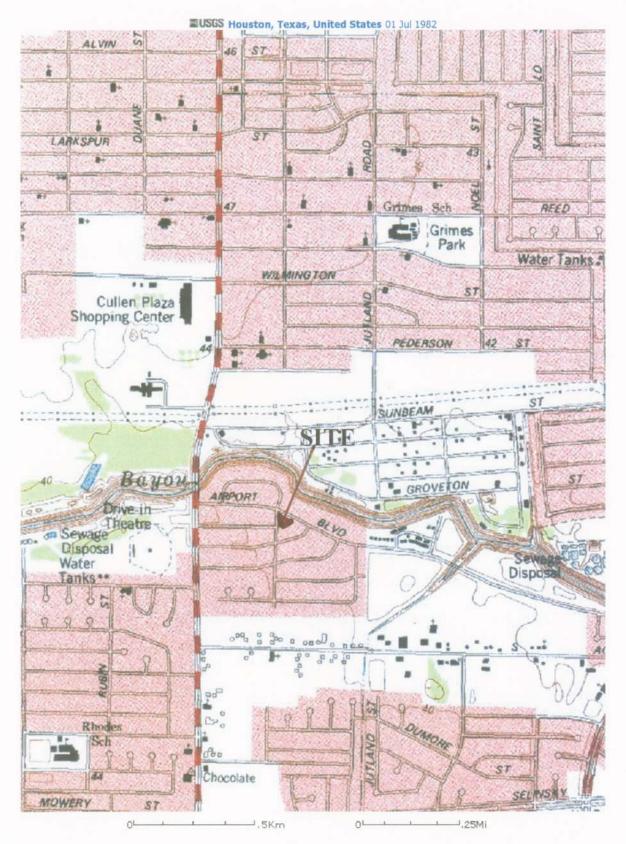
Scale: 1" = 30 ft (approx.)

3.0 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The subject property is a vacant land and is 7,289 square feet in area. The site has vacant, grassy areas, a tree and a concrete foundation pad of a former building. The site is legally described as follows:

"Lot 11, Block 7, South Acres, Section 2, a subdivision, located in the John White Survey, Abstract No. 1011, Harris County, Texas, according to the map recorded in Volume 46, Page 23, Harris County Map Records".

The site is geographically located at Latitude 29° 38' 49" and Longitude 95° 21' 08". A site map is presented as Figure-1.



Topo Map

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

USGS Quadrangle Maps, Texas Water Development Board hyrogeological literature, conversations with the local officials and the Geologic Atlas of Texas were used to determine the environmental setting of the site and the general area.

4.1 Surface water characteristics

The elevation of the site is approximately 40 feet Above Mean Sea Level (AMSL) and can be seen on the Park Place Quadrangle Map. Nearest surface water feature is Sims Bayou. Surface water drainage is to the southeast.

4.2 Groundwater characteristics

Groundwater in the area is obtained from the Chicot and Evangeline aquifers. These units are composed of clay, sand and gravel which were deposited in the fluvial, deltaic, and shallow marine environments and are hydrologically connected. The Chicot aquifer consists of the Willis Sand, Bentley Formation and the Montgomery Formation, Beaumont Formation and overlies the Evangeline aquifer. The Evangeline aquifer consists of the upper most part of the Fleming Formation and the Goliad Sand.

Recharge to the aquifers is from precipitation that falls on the outcrop areas. These formations outcrop in belts that are nearly parallel to the Gulf of Mexico. The Goliad Sand is overlapped by younger formations east of the Brazos river and is not exposed at the surface in the coastal area.

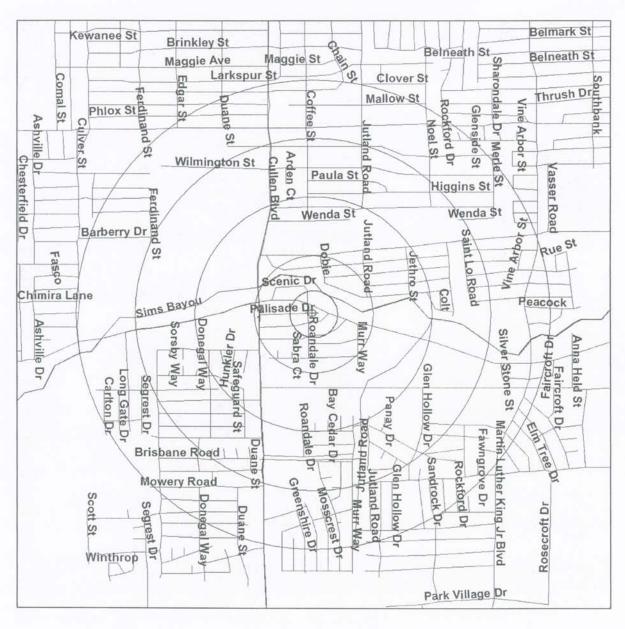
The site is located on the Beaumont Formation which is of quaternary age and consists of mostly stream channel, point bar, natural levee, backswamp and to a lesser extent coastal marsh and mud flat deposits.



1 Mile Radius Single Map:



10305 ROANDALE DR, HOUSTON TX 77048



Source: 2002 U.S. Census TIGER Files

Target Site (Latitude: 29.646876 Longitude: -95.35231)

Identified Site, Multiple Sites, Receptor ...

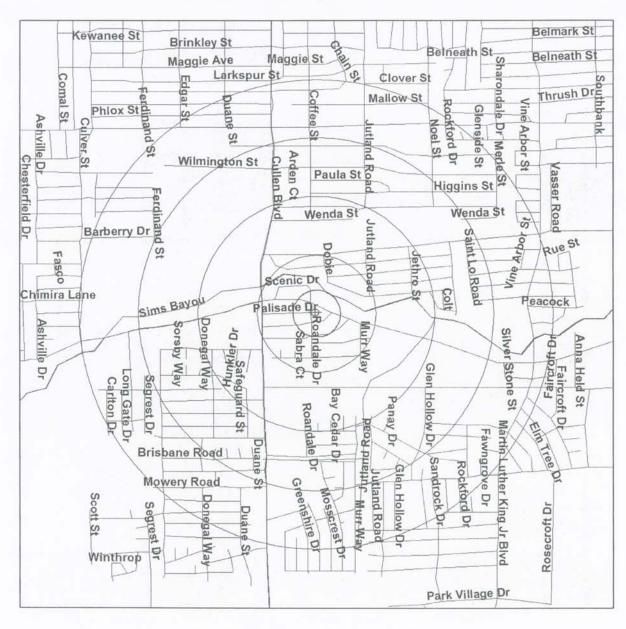
NPL. Brownfield, Solid Waste Landfill (SWL) or Hazardous Waste



1 Mile Radius ASTM: NPL, RCRACOR, STATE



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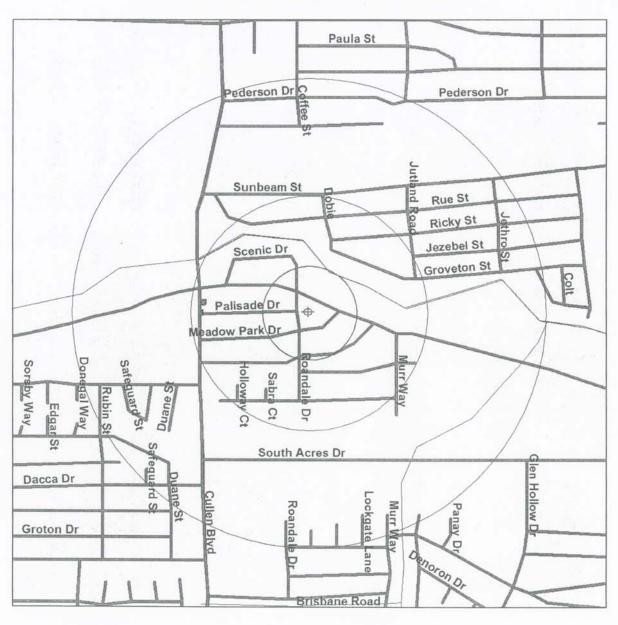




.5 Mile Radius ASTM: CERCLIS, RCRATSD, LUST, SWL



10305 ROANDALE DR, HOUSTON TX 77048



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Target Site (Latitude: 29.646876 Longitude: -95.35231)

Identified Site, Multiple Sites, Receptor

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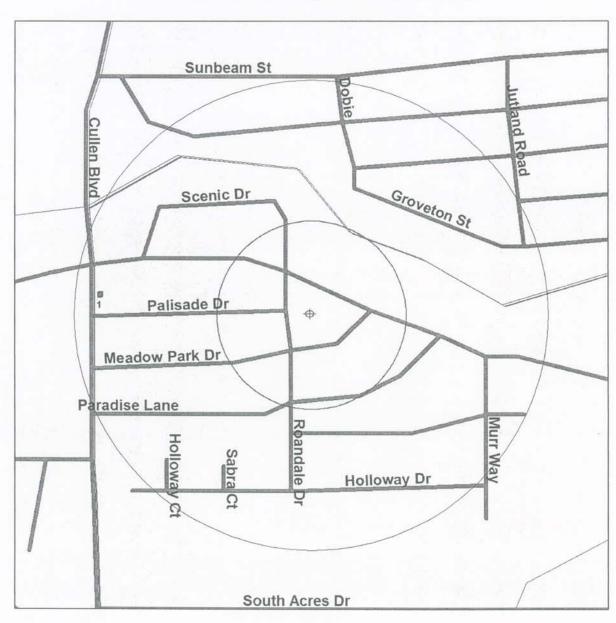




.25 Mile Radius ASTM: NFRAP, RCRAGEN, ERNS, UST, OTHER



10305 ROANDALE DR, HOUSTON TX 77048



Source: 2002 U.S. Census TIGER Files

Target Site (Latitude: 29.646876 Longitude: -95.35231)

Railroads





5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY REVIEW

Established lists were checked to evaluate if the site or adjacent properties are reported as having possible environmental concerns. The following paragraphs discuss the agencies and lists conducted.

5.1 Federal and State Regulatory Agency Inquiries

NPL list

This is a list of sites established by Federal Government as having a priority for clean up.

Many are superfund sites. The site does not appear on the NPL list. Adjacent sites and sites within the half-mile radius do not appear on the list.

CERCLIS list

The CERCLIS list is compiled by the Federal Government and includes sites which could possibly be contaminated and may require clean up. Many of the sites which appear on the CERCLIS list have been thoroughly investigated. The site, adjacent sites and sites within the half-mile radius do not appear on the list.

RCRIS FACILITIES list

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS) is a nationwide data base created to maintain and regulate facilities that handle hazardous waste. The RCRIS data base replaced the HWDMS (Hazardous Waste Data Management System) in September 1992 as a major system supporting the implementation of RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act). The site, adjacent sites and sites within the half-mile radius do not appear on the RCRIS facilities list.

TSD list

The TSD list consists of facilities that have been registered to treat, store or dispose of hazardous wastes. These facilities are assigned a corresponding TSD number. The site, adjacent properties and properties within the half-mile radius do not appear on the list.

UST list

Owners of Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) are required to register their USTs along with the construction information regarding the UST system with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The property and adjacent properties do not appear on the list. One facility within the half-mile radius appears on the UST facilities list.

LPST list

The LPST list consists of Petroleum Storage Tank Systems which have reported releases of greater than 25 gallons. The list is maintained by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under delegation from the EPA. The property and adjacent properties do not appear on the list. One facility within the half-mile radius appears on the LPST facilities list. Final concurrence was issued and the case was closed for the facility on 10315 Cullen Blvd. This facility is not adjacent to the property and, therefore, is not of environmental concern to the subject site.

LANDFILL list

The landfill list is compiled and maintained by the Texas Department of Health and consists of sites identified as landfill, waste processing facility or sludge disposal facility. The site, adjacent properties and properties within the half-mile radius do not appear on the list.

ERNS list

EPA's emergency response notification system consists of a list of reported CERCLA hazardous substance releases or spills in quantities greater than the reportable quantity as maintained at the National Response Center. The site, adjacent sites and sites within the half-mile radius do not appear on the ERNS list.

5.2 Other Local and State Government inquiries:

Harris County Pollution Control Department:

Ms. Fleda Key of the Harris County Pollution Control Department investigated the subject site for records of hazardous chemical spills. She indicated (ROC-1) that there were no chemical spills or accidental fires on record at the subject site during the last five (5) years.

6.0 HISTORICAL USAGE INFORMATION

Site history was investigated by reviewing the property information and aerial photos.

6.1 Current ownership

Review of the title search indicates that the property is currently owned by South Acre Utility Corporation.

6.2 Prior ownership

A copy of the title search is presented in Appendix-B. Review of the title search indicates that the property was never owned by the owners, whose names would indicate possible environmental concerns about the site, such as Landfill companies and Hazardous Waste Storage and Treatment and Disposal facilities. The property was owned by Bayou Estates, Inc. in 1954. Since then, one real estate company owned the site. South Acre Utility South Acre Utility Corporation acquired the site in the year 1956.

6.3 Historical City Directories/ Fire Insurance Maps

Historical City Directories and Fire Insurance Maps were not available for this area.

6.4 Review of the aerial photographs

1944 aerial photo (1"= 700') shows the site as a vacant land. Vacant and residential sites are present to the far north, south, east and the west.

1953 aerial photo (1"= 700') shows the site as a vacant land. Vacant and residential sites are present to the far north, south, east and the west.

1969 aerial photo (1"= 700') shows the site as a vacant land with a small building. Vacant, residential and commercial sites are present to the far north, south, east and the west.

1979 aerial photo (1"= 700') shows the site as a vacant land with a small building. Vacant, residential and commercial sites are present to the far north, south, east and the west.

1986 aerial photo (1"= 700 ') shows the site as a vacant land. Vacant, residential and commercial sites are present to the far north, south, east and the west.

1996 aerial photo (1"= 700') shows the site as a vacant land. Vacant, residential and commercial sites are present to the far north, south, east and the west.

2004 aerial photo (1"= 700') shows the site as a vacant land. Vacant, residential and commercial sites are present to the far north, south, east and the west.

7.0 RESULTS OF THE ON-SITE INSPECTION

The site was inspected on December 29, 2005 by Mr. Zahir Jamal of RAO ENVIRONMENTAL.

7.1 Observations

The subject property is a vacant land and is 7, 289 square feet in area. The site has vacant, grassy areas, a tree and a concrete foundation pad of a former building. Entrance to the site is from Roandale Dr. The foundation pad is present to the south of the site. The site has fence of residential houses to the south and east. No pipeline easement areas are present across and along the adjacent boundaries of the site. No other developments or improvements were found at the site.

Vent lines, tankhold areas and steel caps indicative of the buried USTs were not found at the site.

Following is the list of property's usage at the adjacent properties.

Property usage-north: Adjacent properties to the north are residential house and Airport

Blvd.

Property usage-south: Adjacent properties to the south are a residential area and Meadow

Park Dr.

Property usage-east: Adjacent property to the east is a residential area.

Property usage-west: Adjacent properties to the west are Roandale Dr., Palisade Dr. and a

residential area.

7.2 Hazardous substance identification/inventory

Pesticides, solvents and other hazardous materials were not found at the site.

7.3 PCBs and Radon

PCB containing materials such as capacitors, transformers and light ballasts were not found at the sites. The sites are not in a EPA designated radon gas containing area. The soil at the subject sites, therefore, does not emit radon gas.

7.4 Lead Paint containing materials

Site is a vacant land.

7.5 Sampling results

Site is a vacant land.

8.0 FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Phase 1 ESA based on the on-site inspection, review of the regulatory lists, inquiries with the local governmental agencies, review of the title search, and review of the aerial photos reveals that the site has a low risk with respect to the environmental concerns.

9.0 REFERENCES

- 1. Park Place Quadrangle, USGS Quadrangle Map.
- 2. Survey documents.
- 3. Texas Water Development Board, Report 310.
- 4. Geologic Atlas of Texas, Houston sheet.

Sincerely,

Rao Somepalli, Ph.D

Project Manager

APPENDIX -A

RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

ROC-1

FROM: Ms. Fleda Key

Harris County Pollution Control Department

Tel #: 713-920-2831

TO: Rao Somepalli

DATE & TIME: January 5, 2006, 10:12 AM

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION:

There were no chemical spills on record at the subject site during the last five (5) years.

APPENDIX-B

TEXAS ABSTRACT SERVICES 412 MAIN ST., SUITE 250 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

HISTORICAL OWNERSHIP REPORT

January 6, 2006

Control No. 11650-E

Mr. Rao Somepali Rao Environmental Consultants

Re: 10305 Roandale Drive, Houston, Texas

SUBJECT PROPERTY: Lot 11, Block 7, South Acre Estates, Section 2, a subdivision located in the John White Survey, Abstract No. 1011, Harris County, Texas, according to the map recorded in Volume 46, Page 23, Harris County Map Records.

Dear Mr. Somepali:

At your request, we have searched the records of the County Clerk of Harris County, Texas, pertaining to the property referenced above from January 1, 1955 to the present and have determined that the following list represents all of the deeds, surface leases and environmental liens of record within the said period.

DATE:

8-13-54

INSTRUMENT:

Map of South Acre Estates, Section 2

GRANTOR:

Bayou Estates, Inc.

GRANTEE:

The Public 59.64 acres

COMMENTS: REFERENCE:

46/23 Map Records

DATE:

9-8-54

INSTRUMENT:

Warranty Deed

GRANTOR:

Bayou Estates, Inc.

GRANTEE:

Wynne Realty Company

COMMENTS:

all of Block 7

REFERENCE:

2837/622 Deed Records

Continued

Page 2

DATE:

10-27-55

INSTRUMENT:

Warranty Deed

GRANTOR:

Wynne Realty Company

GRANTEE:

South Acre Utility Corporation

COMMENTS:

Lot 11, Block 7

REFERENCE:

3049/97 Deed Records

DATE:

5-2-56

INSTRUMENT:

Warranty Deed

GRANTOR:

South Acre Utility Corporation

GRANTEE:

Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 44

COMMENTS:

Lot 11, Block 7 (and other property)

REFERENCE:

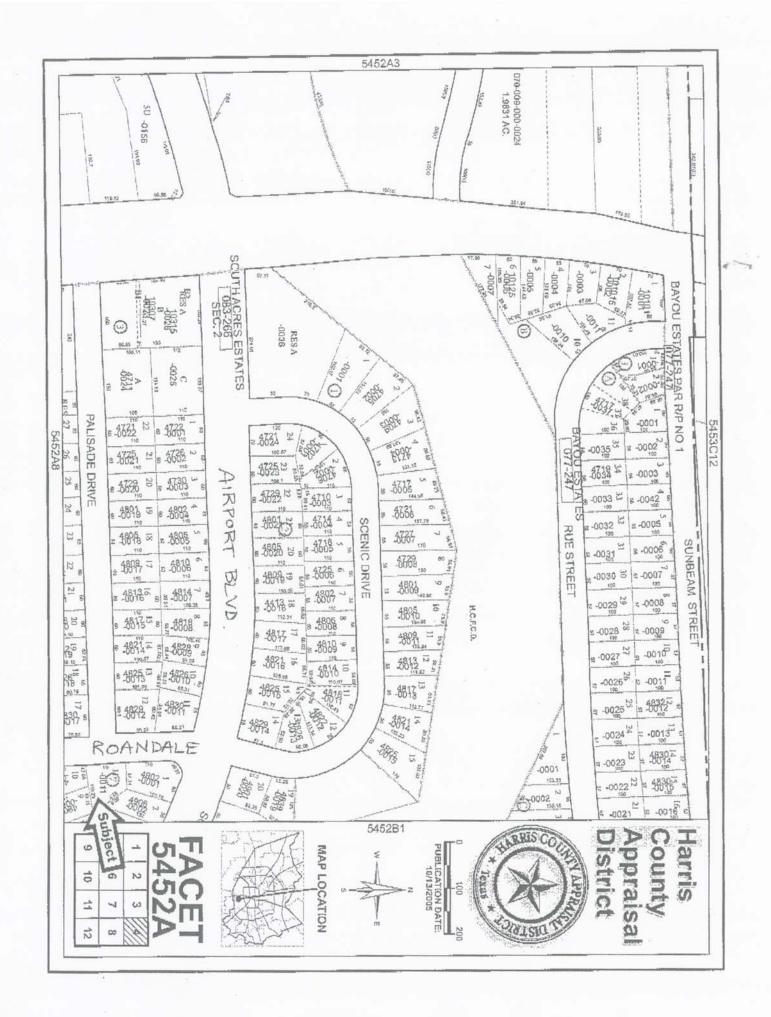
3153/458 Deed Records

Current through December 30, 2005

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Jessica M. Lightfoot



APPENDIX-C



Banks Information Solutions, Inc.

Environmental FirstSearch™ Report

TARGET PROPERTY:

10305 ROANDALE DR

HOUSTON TX 77048

Job Number: 31200

PREPARED FOR:

Rao Environmental 19333 Hwy 59 North, Ste. 190 Humble, TX 77338

01-04-06



Tel: (512) 478-0059

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Environmental FirstSearch Site Information Report

Request Date:

Standard:

01-04-06

Requestor Name:

Rao

ASTM

Search Type:

COORD 31200

Job Number:

Filtered Report

TARGET ADDRESS: 10305 ROANDALE DR

HOUSTON TX 77048

Demographics

Sites:

2

Non-Geocoded: 0

Population: NA

Radon: NA

Site Location

Degrees (Decimal)

Degrees (Min/Sec)

UTMs

Longitude:

-95.35231

-95:21:8

Easting:

272288.77

Latitude:

29.646876

29:38:49

Northing:

3281791.827

Zone:

15

Comment

Comment:

Additional Requests/Services

Adjacent ZIP Codes: 1 Mile(s)

Services:

ZIP Code	City Name	ST Dist/Dir Sel
77033	HOUSTON	TX 0.09 NE Y
77047	HOUSTON	TX 0.23 SW Y
77051	HOUSTON	TX 0.25 NW Y
		*** 0.20 **** 1

	Requested?	Date
Sanborns	No	
Aerial Photographs	No	
Historical Topos	No	
City Directories	No	
Title Search	No	
Municipal Reports	No	
Online Topos	No	

Environmental FirstSearch Search Summary Report

Target Site: 10305 ROANDALE DR HOUSTON TX 77048

FirstSearch Summary

Database	Sel	Updated	Radius	Site	1/8	1/4	1/2	1/2>	ZIP	TOTALS
NPL	Y	10-07-05	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CERCLIS	Y	10-07-05	0.50	0	0	0	0		0	0
NFRAP	Y	08-01-05	0.25	0	0	0	100	-	0	0
RCRA TSD	Y	09-22-05	0.50	0	0	0	0	-	0	0
RCRA COR	Y	09-22-05	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RCRA GEN	Y	06-13-05	0.25	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
ERNS	Y	12-31-04	0.25	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
State Sites	Y	01/05/05	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWL	Y	09-16-02	0.50	0	0	0	0	-	0	0
Other	Y	06/27/05	0.25	0	0	0	12	27	0	0
REG UST/AST	Y	07/13/05	0.25	0	0	1	-	-	0	1
Leaking UST	Y	06/27/05	0.50	0	0	1	0	-	0	1
- TOTALS -				0	0	2	0	0	0	2

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Environmental FirstSearch Sites Summary Report

TARGET SITE:

10305 ROANDALE DR

HOUSTON TX 77048

JOB: 31200

TOTAL: 2

GEOCODED: 2

NON GEOCODED: 0

SELECTED:

Map ID	DB Type	Site Name/ID/Status	Address	Dist/Dir	Page No.	
1	LUST	GULF OIL CORP 60108020 094059	10315 CULLEN HOUSTON TX 77047	0.22 NW	1	
1	UST	GULF OIL CORP 0029195	10315 CULLEN HOUSTON TX 77047	0.22 NW	5	4

Environmental FirstSearch Site Detail Report

TARGET SITE:

10305 ROANDALE DR **HOUSTON TX 77048**

JOB: 31200

LEAKING	UNDERGROUND	STORAGE TANKS
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SEARCH ID:

DIST/DIR:

0.22 NW

MAP ID:

NAME:

GULF OIL CORP 60108020

ADDRESS: 10315 CULLEN HOUSTON TX 77047

HARRIS CONTACT: JEFF DOWNING REV: ID1:

06/27/05

ID2:

094059 0029195

STATUS:

PHONE:

713/219-5210

SITE INFORMATION

REPORTED:

ENTERED INTO SYSTEM:

SITE PRIORITY:

SITE STATUS:

PRP:

PRP ADDRESS:

PRP CONTACT: PRP PHONE:

12/7/1989 12/7/1989

gw impacted, no apparent threats or impacts to receptors

Final concurrence issued, case close

CHEVRON PRODUCTS CO

PO BOX 4256

HOUSTON TX 77210 JEFF DOWNING 713/219-5210

Removed From Ground

06031991

01011956

05081986

No Variance

Not Reported

Steel

0000550 Gallons

LUST INFORMATION

TANK NUMBER:

STATUS:

STATUS DATE:

INSTALL DATE: REGISTERED DATE:

CAPACITY:

EXT CONTAINMENT DESIGN:

CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL:

CORROSION PROTECTION:

CORROSION PROT VARIANCE: STG 1 VAPOR RECOVERY EQUIP STATUS:

STG 1 EQUIP INSTALL DATE:

STG 2 VAPOR RECOVERY EQUIP STATUS:

STG 2 EQUIP INSTALL DATE:

INSTALLER COMPANY:

INSTALLER NAME:

INSTALLER LICENSE NUMBER:

TYPE OF PIPE:

PIPE MATERIAL:

PIPE DESIGN EXT CONTAINMENT:

PIPE CONECTORS & VALVES: PIPE CORROSION PROTECTION:

PIPE CORROSION PROT VARIANCE:

SUBSTANCE STORED:

TANK RLSE DETECTION METHODS: TANK RLSE DETECTION VARIANCE:

PIPE RLSE DETECTION METHODS: PIPE RLSE VARIANCE:

SPILL/OVERFILL PREVENTION: SPILL/OVERFILL VARIANCE:

USED OIL - - - None No Variance

- - - None No Variance

No Variance

No Variance

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Environmental FirstSearch Site Detail Report

TARGET SITE:

REGISTERED DATE:

EXT CONTAINMENT DESIGN: CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL:

CORROSION PROTECTION:

10305 ROANDALE DR **HOUSTON TX 77048**

JOB: 31200

LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS					
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CONTACT: JEFF DOWNING		PHONE:	713/219-5210		
TANK NUMBER:	4				
STATUS:	Removed From Ground				
STATUS DATE:	06031991				
INSTALL DATE:	01011972				
REGISTERED DATE:	05081986				
CAPACITY:	0008000 Gallons				
EXT CONTAINMENT DESIGN:	-				
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL.	C+ - 1				
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL:	Steel				
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PIPE CONECTORS & VALVES:					
PIPE CORROSION PROTECTION:					
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SUBSTANCE STORED:	GASOLINE				
TANK RLSE DETECTION METHODS:	None				
TANK RLSE DETECTION VARIANCE:	No Variance				
PIPE RLSE DETECTION METHODS:	None				
PIPE RLSE VARIANCE:	No Variance				
SPILL/OVERFILL PREVENTION:					
SPILL/OVERFILL VARIANCE:	No Variance				
	110 Variation				
TANK NUMBER:	3				
STATUS:	Removed From Ground				
OTAT CO.					
STATUS DATE:	06031991				

05081986 0006000 Gallons

Steel

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TARGET SITE: 10305 ROANDALE DR HOUSTON TX 77048

JOB: 31200

LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS						
SEARCH ID: 2	DIST/DIR:	0.22 NW	MAP ID: 1			
NAME: GULF OIL CORP 60108020 ADDRESS: 10315 CULLEN HOUSTON TX 77047 HARRIS		REV: ID1: ID2: STATUS:	06/27/05 094059 0029195			
CONTACT: JEFF DOWNING		PHONE:	713/219-5210			
CORROSION PROT VARIANCE: STG 1 VAPOR RECOVERY EQUIP STATUS: STG 1 EQUIP INSTALL DATE:	No Variance Not Reported					
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INSTALLER LICENSE NUMBER:						
TYPE OF PIPE:						
PIPE MATERIAL: PIPE DESIGN EXT CONTAINMENT:						
PIPE CONECTORS & VALVES:						
PIPE CORROSION PROTECTION:						
PIPE CORROSION PROT VARIANCE:	- None No Variance					
SUBSTANCE STORED:	GASOLINE					
TANK RLSE DETECTION METHODS:	None					
TANK RLSE DETECTION VARIANCE:	No Variance					
PIPE RLSE DETECTION METHODS:	None					
PIPE RLSE VARIANCE:	No Variance					
SPILL/OVERFILL PREVENTION:	3.					
SPILL/OVERFILL VARIANCE:	No Variance					
TANK NUMBER:	2					
STATUS:	Removed From Ground					
STATUS DATE:	06031991					
INSTALL DATE:	01011972					
REGISTERED DATE:	05081986					
CAPACITY:	0006000 Gallons					
EXT CONTAINMENT DESIGN:						
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL:	Ch -1					
CORROSION PROTECTION:	Steel -					
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HOUSTON TX 77047 HARRIS		ID2: STATUS:	0029195	
CONTACT: JEFF DOWNING		PHONE:	713/219-5210	
			7707277 0270	
PIPE CONECTORS & VALVES:				
PIPE CORROSION PROTECTION:	**			
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PIPE CORROSION PROT VARIANCE:	No Variance			
SUBSTANCE STORED:	GASOLINE			
TANK RLSE DETECTION METHODS:	None			
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SPILL/OVERFILL PREVENTION:				
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GULF OIL CORP

ADDRESS: 10315 CULLEN

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CONTACT: YVONNE MOODY

REV: IDI: 6/24/2005 0029195

ID2:

STATUS:

PHONE: 713

7137543709

FACILITY INFORMATION:

NUMBER OF USTS ON SITE: NUMBER OF ASTS ON SITE:

TNRCC FACILITY ID: TNRCC CUSTOMER ID:

FACILITY TYPE:

FACILITY MANAGER: MANAGER PHONE: 0004 0000

0029195 13675

YVONNE MOODY REP

7137543709

OWNER INFORMATION

TYPE: COMPANY:

ADDRESS:

Corporation GULF OIL CORP

SAN RAMON CA 94583-0904 PO BOX: PO BOX 6004

CONTACT: CONTACT PHONE: AMENDMENTS: PO BOX 6004 PERMIT DESK 925-842-9002 Owner Name Changed

Removed From Ground

06031991

01011956

05081986

Steel

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UST INFORMATION (tank information)

TANK NUMBER:

STATUS:

STATUS DATE: INSTALL DATE:

REGISTERED DATE: CAPACITY:

EXT CONTAINMENT DESIGN:

CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL: CORROSION PROTECTION:

CORROSION PROT VARIANCE:

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STG 1 EQUIP INSTALL DATE:

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STG 2 EQUIP INSTALL DATE:

INSTALLER COMPANY: INSTALLER NAME:

INSTALLER LICENSE NUMBER:

TYPE OF PIPE: PIPE MATERIAL:

PIPE DESIGN EXT CONTAINMENT: PIPE CONECTORS & VALVES: No Variance Not Reported

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ADDRESS: 10315 CULLEN		ID1:	0029195	
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SUBSTANCE STORED:	USED OIL			
TANK RLSE DETECTION METHODS:	None			
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PIPE RLSE DETECTION METHODS:	None			
PIPE RLSE VARIANCE:	No Variance			
SPILL/OVERFILL PREVENTION:				
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STATUS:	Removed From Ground			
STATUS DATE:	06031991			
INSTALL DATE:	01011972			
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EXT CONTAINMENT DESIGN:				
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INSTALLER COMPANY: INSTALLER NAME:				
INSTALLER LICENSE NUMBER:				
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PIPE CONECTORS & VALVES:				
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PIPE CORROSION PROT VARIANCE:	No Variance			
SUBSTANCE STORED:	GASOLINE			
FANK RLSE DETECTION METHODS:	None			
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PIPE RLSE VARIANCE:	No Variance			
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SPILL/OVERFILL VARIANCE:	No Variance			

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HARRIS CONTACT: YVONNE MOODY		STATUS: PHONE:	7137543709	
FANK NUMBER:	3			
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INSTALL DATE:	01011972			
REGISTERED DATE:	05081986			
CAPACITY:	0006000 Gallons			
EXT CONTAINMENT DESIGN:	*			
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL:	Steel			
CORROSION PROTECTION:	*			
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PIPE CONECTORS & VALVES:	5/5			
PIPE CORROSION PROTECTION:	-			
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SUBSTANCE STORED:	GASOLINE			
TANK RLSE DETECTION METHODS:	None			
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HOUSTON TX 77047

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CONTACT: YVONNE MOODY

REV: ID1:

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ID2:

STATUS:

PHONE:

7137543709

STG 1 EQUIP INSTALL DATE:

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STG 2 EQUIP INSTALL DATE:

INSTALLER COMPANY: INSTALLER NAME:

INSTALLER LICENSE NUMBER:

TYPE OF PIPE:

PIPE MATERIAL:

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PIPE CORROSION PROT VARIANCE:

PIPE CONECTORS & VALVES:

PIPE CORROSION PROTECTION:

- None

No Variance

SUBSTANCE STORED:

GASOLINE TANK RLSE DETECTION METHODS: - - - None No Variance

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PIPE RLSE VARIANCE:

SPILL/OVERFILL PREVENTION: SPILL/OVERFILL VARIANCE:

- - - None No Variance

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AST INFORMATION

Environmental FirstSearch Database Descriptions

NPL: EPA NATIONAL PRIORITY LIST - Database of confirmed, proposed or deleted Superfund sites.

CERCLIS: *EPA* COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY INFORMATION SYSTEM - Database of current and potential Superfund sites currently or previously under investigation.

NFRAP: EPA COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY INFORMATION SYSTEM ARCHIVED SITES - database of Archive designated CERCLA sites that, to the best of EPA's knowledge, assessment has been completed and has determined no further steps will be taken to list this site on the National Priorities List (NPL). This decision does not necessarily mean that there is no hazard associated with a given site; it only means that, based upon available information, the location is not judged to be a potential NPL site.

RCRA TSD: EPA RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY INFORMATION SYSTEM TREATMENT, STORAGE, and DISPOSAL FACILITIES. - Database of facilities licensed to store, treat and dispose of hazardous waste materials.

RCRA COR: *EPA* RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY INFORMATION SYSTEM SITES - Database of RCRA facilities with reported violations and subject to corrective actions.

RCRA GEN: EPA RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY INFORMATION SYSTEM SITES - Database of facilities that generate or transport hazardous waste or meet other RCRA requirements.LGN - Large Quantity GeneratorsSGN - Small Quantity GeneratorsVGN - Conditionally Exempt Generator.Included are RAATS (RCRA Administrative Action Tracking System) and CMEL (Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement List) facilities.

ERNS: *EPA/NRC* EMERGENCY RESPONSE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - Database of emergency response actions. Data since January 2001 has been received from the National Response System database as the EPA no longer maintains this data.

STATE SITES: *TCEQ* Listing of sites contained in the State Superfund Registry, listing of all sites in the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) and the Innocent Owner/Operator Program (IOP). Some VCP and IOP sites are noted as having institutional controls placed on them.

SWL: TCEQ Listing of all permitted solid waste landfills, transfer stations, and incinerators

OTHER: TCEQ Texas Industrial Hazardous Waste Notice of Registration (IHW NOR) data. The TCEQ enters all information submitted by industrial and hazardous waste transporters, receivers (including recyclers), generators and one time shipments into a database that tracks industrial and hazardous waste generation and management activities in the state of Texas. All facilities of these types receive a solid waste registration number.

REG UST/AST: TCEQ Listing of all underground petroleum storage tanks

LEAKING UST: TCEQ Listing of all leaking underground petroleum storage tanks

OTHER: *EPA* SECTION SEVEN TRACKING SYSTEM (SSTS) – database of registration and production data for facilities which manufacture pesticides. AEROMETRIC INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM (AIRS) – database of detailed information pertaining to sites which submit air emissions reports. Developed under the Clean Air Act, this database also maintains data on compliance status and enforcement actions.

RADON: NTIS NATIONAL RADON DATABASE - EPA radon data from 1990-1991 national radon project collected for a variety of zip codes across the United States.

Environmental FirstSearch Database Sources

NPL: EPA Environmental Protection Agency

Updated quarterly

CERCLIS: EPA Environmental Protection Agency

Updated quarterly

NFRAP: EPA Environmental Protection Agency.

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RCRA TSD: EPA Environmental Protection Agency.

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RCRA COR: EPA Environmental Protection Agency.

Updated quarterly

RCRA GEN: EPA Environmental Protection Agency.

Updated quarterly

ERNS: EPA/NRC Environmental Protection Agency

Updated semi-annually

STATE SITES: *TCEQ* The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Office of Permitting, Remediation and Registration, Remediation Division

Updated quarterly

SWL: TCEQ The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Office of Permitting, Remediation and Registration, Waste Permits Division, Municipal Solid Waste Permits Section

Updated annually

OTHER: TCEQ The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Office of Permitting, Remediation and Registration

Updated quarterly

REG UST/AST: *TCEQ* The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Office of Permitting, Remediation and Registration, Waste Permits Division, Petroleum Storage Tank Program

Updated quarterly

LEAKING UST: *TCEQ* The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Office of Permitting, Remediation and Registration, Waste Permits Division, Petroleum Storage Tank Program

Updated quarterly

OTHER: EPA Environmental Protection Agency

Updated quarterly

RADON: NTIS Environmental Protection Agency, National Technical Information Services

Updated periodically

Environmental FirstSearch Street Name Report for Streets within 1 Mile(s) of Target Property

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Street Name	Dist/Dir	Street Name	Dist/Dir
Airport Blvd	0.03 NE	Kennedy Heights Blvd	0.82 SW
Akard St	0.44 SW	Lakefield Dr	0.67 NE
Arden Ct	0.57 NW	Leitrim Way	0.67 SW
Ashburn Ave	0.97 NE	Lockgate Ln	0.45 SE
Barberry Dr	0.76 NW	Long Gate Dr	0.43 SE 0.88 SW
Bay Cedar Ct	0.89 SE	Madden Ln	0.99 SE
Bay Cedar Dr	0.46 SE	Mallow St	0.89 NE
Bayfield Dr	0.94 NE	Martin Luther King J	0.90 NE
Bloomfield St	1.00 NW	Meadow Park Dr	0.03 SE
Botany Ln	0.90 SW	Merle St	0.87 NE
Brisbane Rd	0.63 S-	Mill Valley Rd	0.94 SW
Canterway Dr	0.76 SE	Mosscrest Dr	0.47 SE
Cape Hyannis Dr	0.96 SW	Mowery Rd	0.76 SW
Carlton Dr	0.94 SW	Murr Way	0.19 SE
Carmen St	0.72 N-	Nita St	0.99 SW
Cedarburg Cir	0.96 SE	Noel St	0.68 NE
Chain St	0.97 NE	Osprey Dr	0.84 SE
Chimira Ln	0.98 NW	Palisade Dr	0.02 NW
Clover St	0.96 NW	Panay Dr	0.53 SE
Coffee St	0.40 NW	Paradise Ln	0.08 SE
Colt	0.54 NE	Paula St	0.57 N-
Corksie Dr	0.99 NW	Peacock	0.49 NE
Cresthaven Cir	0.75 SE	Pederson Dr	0.46 NE
Cullen Blvd	0.23 NW	Phlox St	0.40 NV
Dacca Dr	0.43 SW	Reed Rd	0.80 NW
Dawson Ln	0.84 NW	Richfield Ln	0.12 SE
Denoron Dr	0.56 SE	Ricky St	0.16 NE
Dobie	0.14 NE	Roandale Dr	0.02 NW
Donegal Way	0.51 SW	Rockford Dr	0.79 SE
Duane St	0.31 SW	Rockingham Ave	0.79 SE 0.87 NW
Dumore Dr	0.50 S-	Rubin St	0.47 SW
Edgar St	0.57 SW	Rue St	0.47 SW 0.21 NE
Elm Spring Dr	0.96 SE	Sabra Ct	0.19 SW
Elm Tree Dr	0.96 SE	Safeguard St	0.41 SW
Elmlawn Dr	0.68 NE	Saint Lo Rd	
Fawngrove Dr	0.94 SE	Sandhurst Dr	0.67 NE
			0.80 SE
Fawnway Dr Ferdinand St	0.89 SE	Sandrock Dr	0.85 SE
Friar Point Rd	0.75 NW	Scenic Dr	0.05 NW
Glen Hollow Dr	0.51 SW	Scott St	0.98 NW
	0.56 SE	Segrest Dr	0.77 SW
Glenside St	1.00 NE	Selinsky Rd	0.61 SE
Grace Point Ln	0.69 SE	Shorehaven Cir	0.70 SE
Grassmere St	0.81 NW	Silver Stone St	0.82 SE
Greenshire Dr	0.84 SW	Sorsby Way	0.62 SW
Greylog Dr	0.66 SE	South Acres Dr	0.31 S-
Groton Dr	0.56 SW	Southbrook Dr	1.00 NE
Groveton St	0.14 NE	Southview St	0.79 SW
Hartsville Rd	0.57 SW	St Lo Rd	0.97 NE

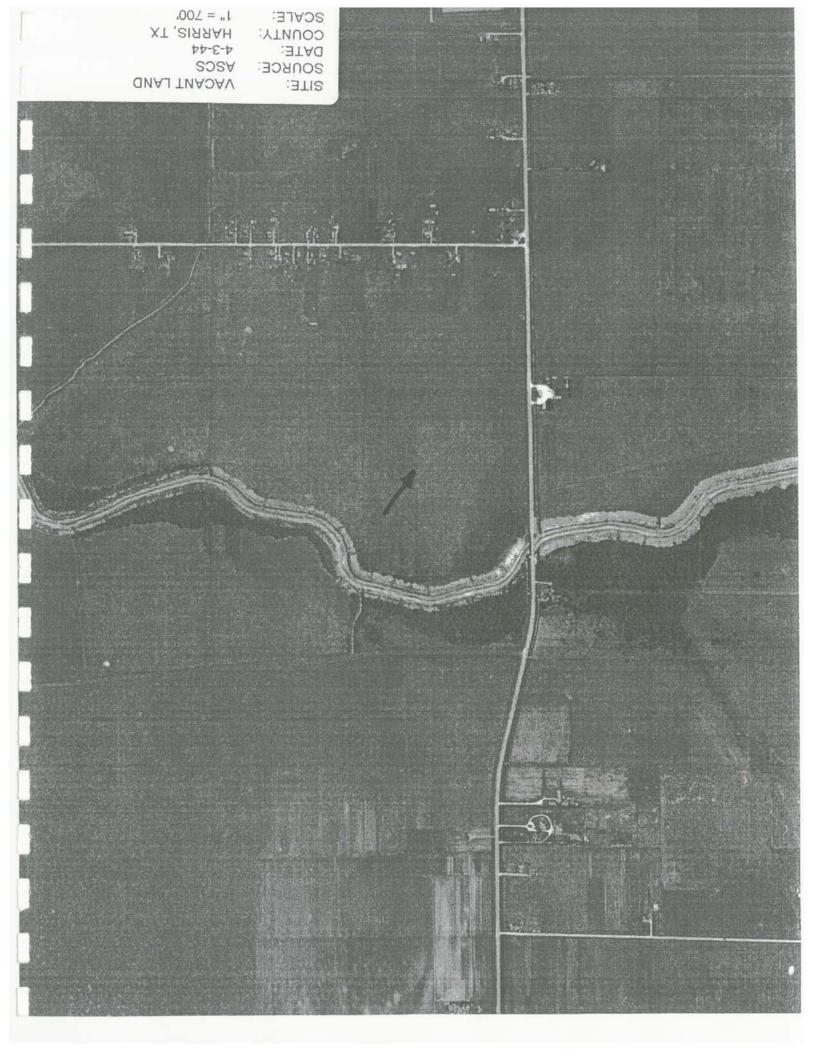
Environmental FirstSearch Street Name Report for Streets within 1 Mile(s) of Target Property

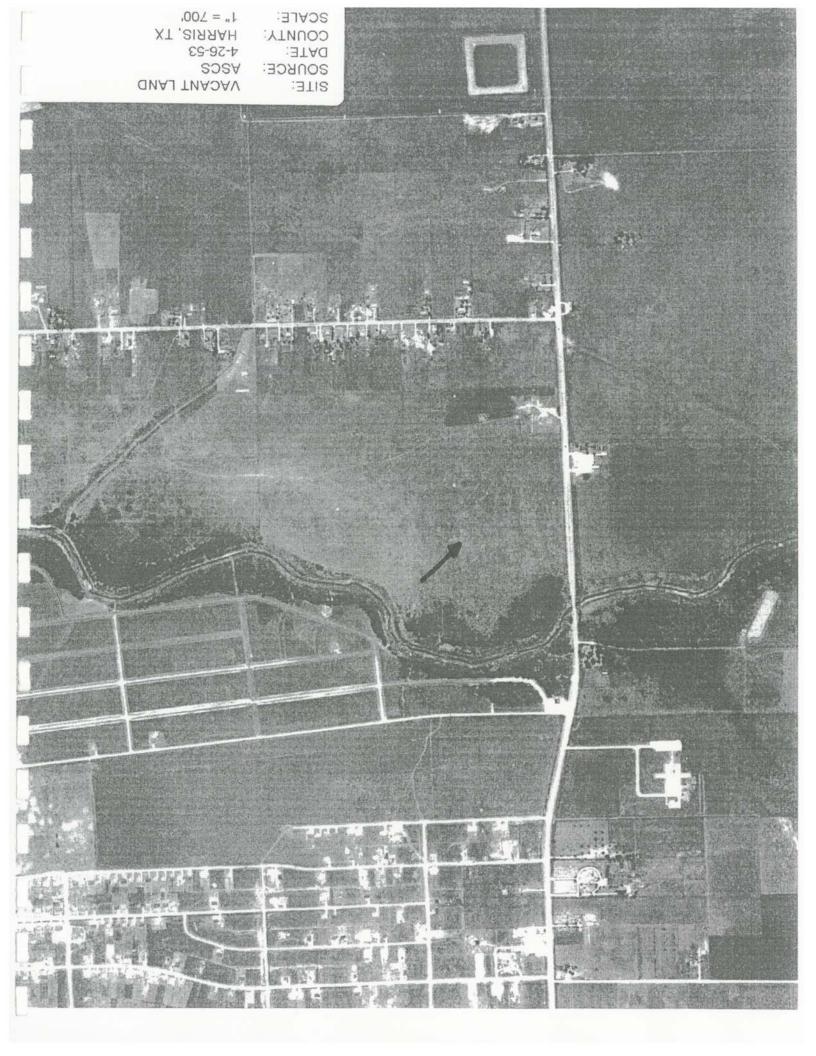
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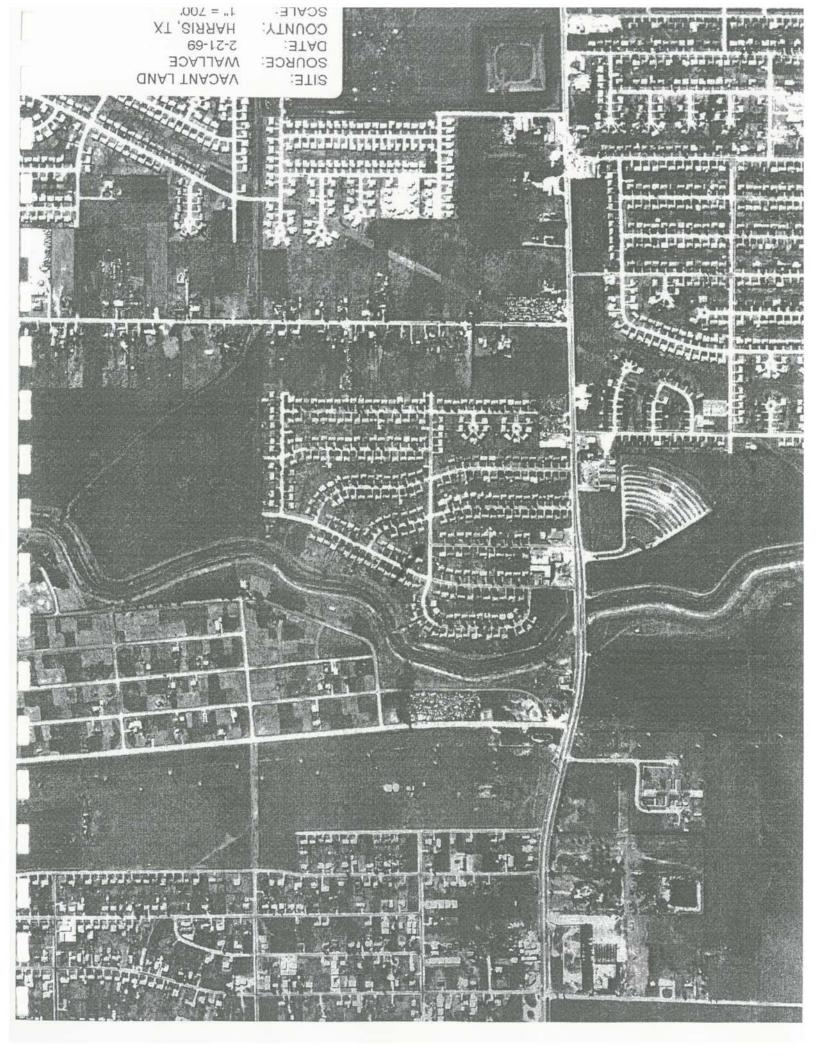
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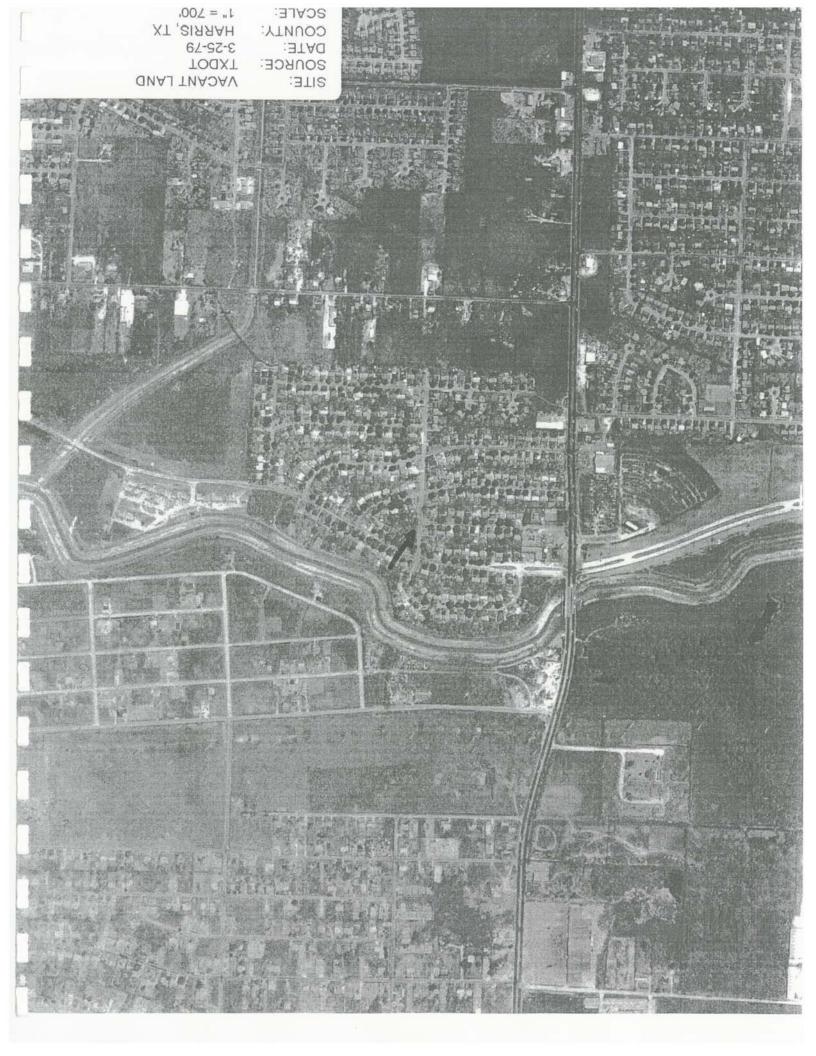
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Holloway Ct	0.22 SW	Tavenor Ln	0.85 SE
Holloway Dr	0.19 SE	Teneha Dr	0.59 NE
Howcher St	0.70 SE	Vine Arbor St	0.89 NE
Hunkler Dr	0.37 SW	Waterford Dr	0.91 SE
Jethro St	0.42 NE	Wenda St	0.40 NW
Jezebel St	0.25 NE	Wilmington St	0.63 N-
Jipsie Ln	0.99 NW	Woodgreen St	0.95 NE
Jutland Rd	0.24 NE		

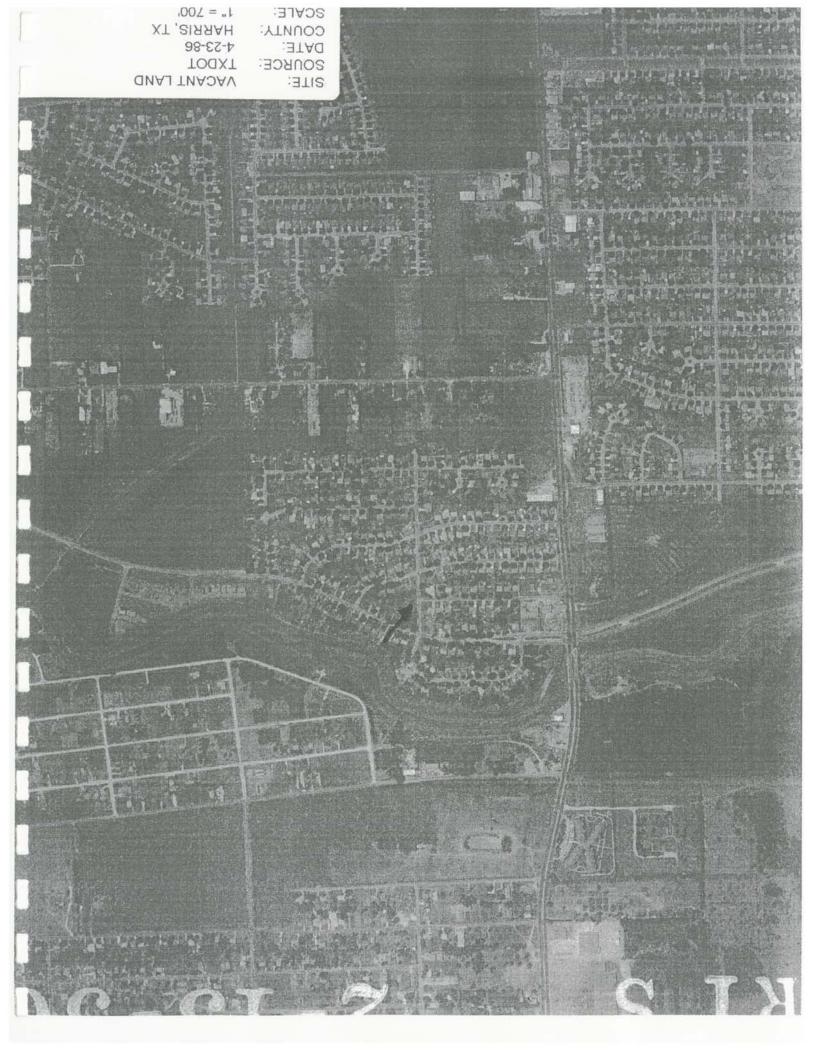
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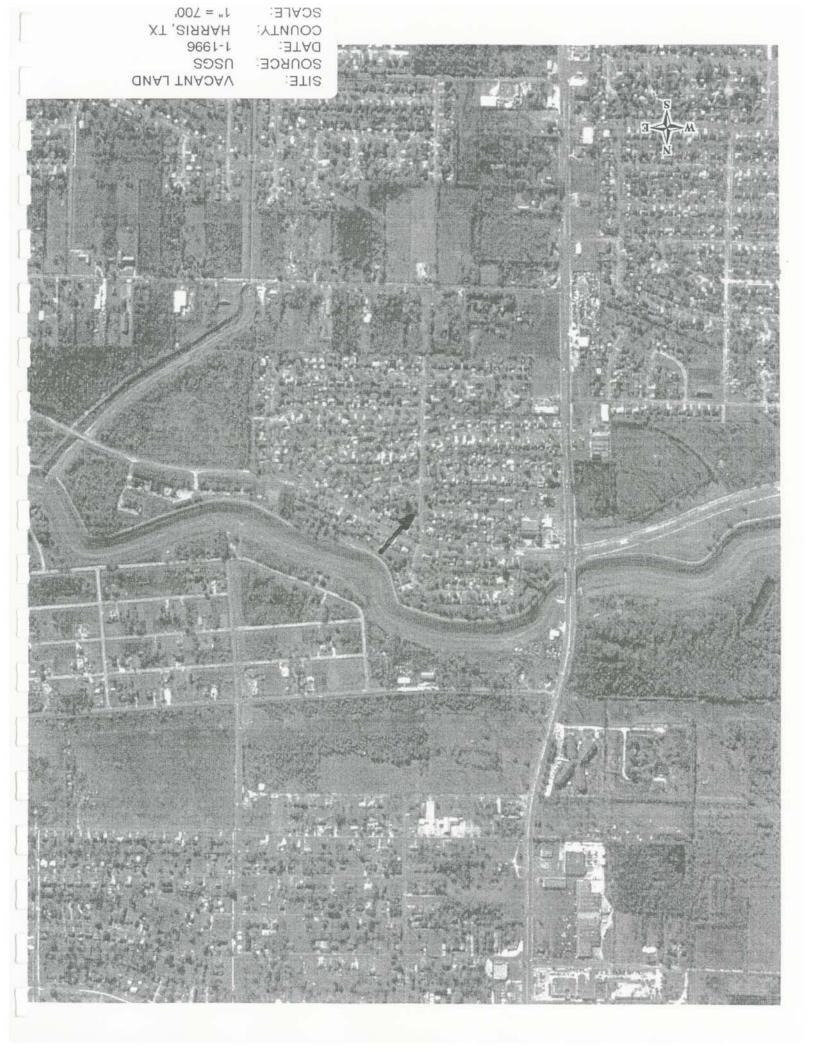


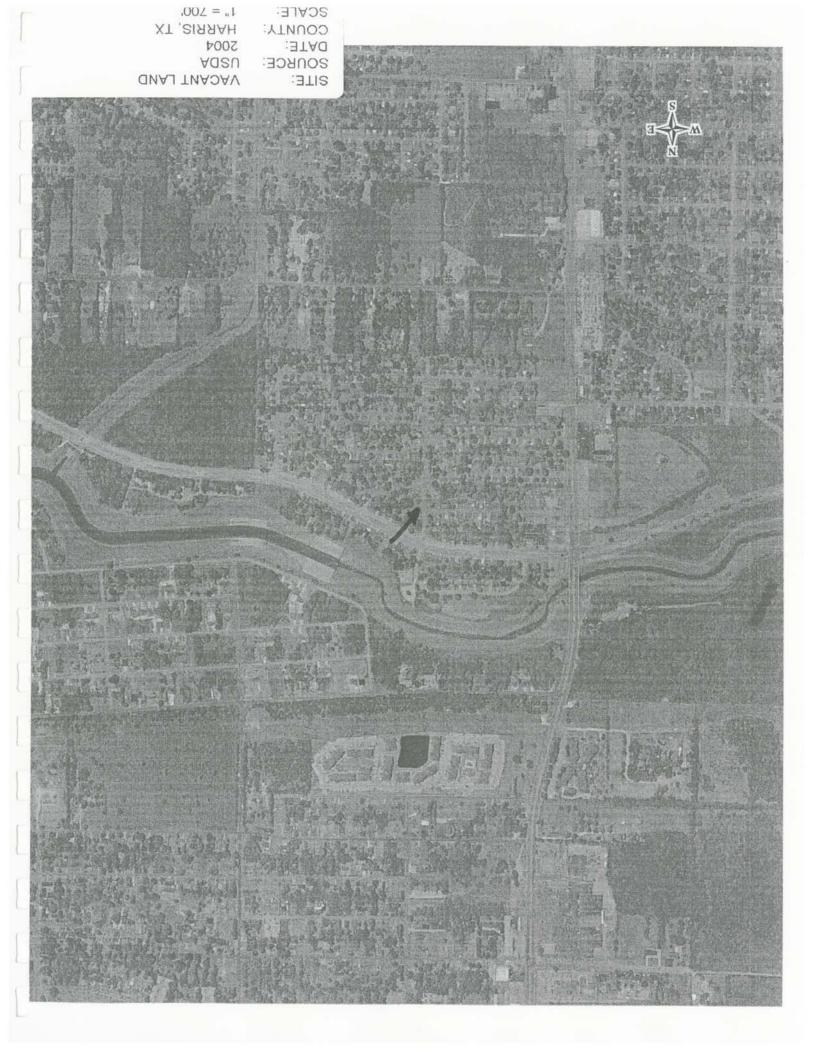












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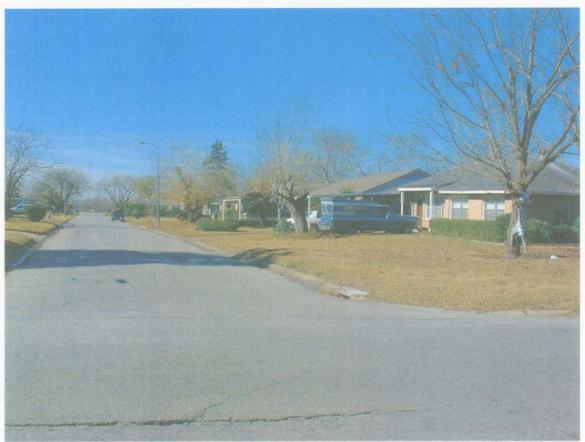
Subject site



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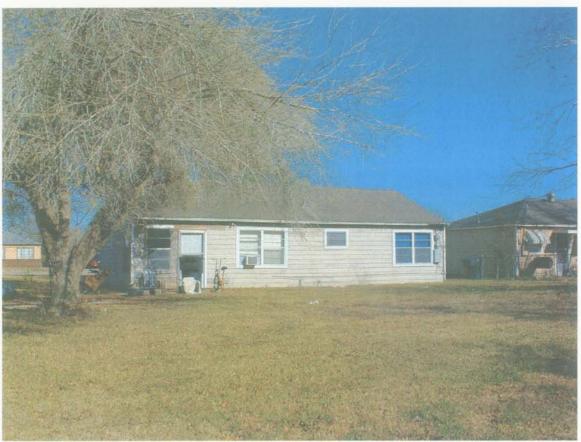
Sites to the south



Sites to the west



Sites to the northeast



Sites to the north